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SUBJECT: VISIT OF VAN AGT

REF: THE HAGUE 6072

1. IN HIS CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL ON JANUARY 8, DUTCH MINISTER OF JUSTICE VAN AGT INDICATED THAT THE HEROIN PROBLEM IS EMERGING AS NEW PHENOMENON FOR THE NETHERLANDS AND THAT THE DUTCH THEREFORE ARE ANXIOUS TO KNOW HOW THE U.S. HAS HANDLED THIS PROBLEM IN RECENT YEARS. HE SAID THAT NOT MUCH DUTCH LEGISLATION HAS BEEN ADOPTED TO DATE BECAUSE OF THE RELATIVE NEWNESS OF THE PROBLEM. VAN AGT SAID HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE DEA ORGANIZATION AND WITH HIS DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON. HE ADMITTED THAT THE PRESENT RELATIVELY LOW PENALTIES IN THE NETHERLANDS MAY BE AN ATTRACTION TO TRAFFICKERS.

2. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY INDICATED THAT WE ARE ANXIOUS TO SHARE OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE DUTCH, AND THOUGHT THEY SHOULD ALSO INQUIRE INTO THE JAPANESE EXPERIENCE. HE SAID
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THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE DUTCH WOULD ENCOURAGE THE

TURKS TO TAKE STEPS TO ASSURE THAT THEIR NEW OPIUM CROP IS KEPT UNDER STRICT CONTROLS, THUS ADDING THE DUTCH VOICE TO OURS TO INDICATE GENERAL CONCERN ABOUT THE DISPOSITION OF THE NEW TURKISH CROP. HE EMPHASIZED THAT WE ARE ANXIOUS TO COOPERATE WITH THE DUTCH IN THEIR OWN EFFORTS TO CURB

BOTH SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF NARCOTICS IN THE NETHERLANDS AND IN FRAMING ANY NEW LEGISLATION FOR THIS PURPOSE. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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